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In re: Middeldorp et al.

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For: PEPTIDES AND NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCES RELATED TO THE EPSTEIN BARR VIRUS

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BOX PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, DC 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Please enter the following Preliminary Amendment before examining the present application.

**In the Specification.**

On page 1, after the title, please insert the following text:

**-- RELATED APPLICATION INFORMATION**

This application is a divisional application of co-pending United States Application Serial No. 09/205,169, filed December 4, 1998 (now allowed); which is a continuation of prior United States Application Serial No. 08/415,838 filed April 3, 1995, now United States Patent No. 6,008,327; which is a divisional of prior United States Application Serial No. 08/031,148, filed March 12, 1993, now United States Patent No. 5,424,398.; the disclosures of which are incorporated by reference herein in their entireties.

**FIELD OF THE INVENTION --**

On page 1, between the first and second paragraph (before "EBV is an ubiquitous human herpes"), please insert the following centered text:

**-- BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION --**

Please replace the sentence on page 5, line 14, with the following:

The viral capsid antigens (VCA) of EBV.